

Stamps on the Bay



**The Voice of the
Owen Sound Stamp Club**
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New Life Centre, 199 4th Ave West, Owen Sound
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From the President

Hello my philatelic friends!
Well I think I have recovered from Capex '22 at long last. I put together a binder of Capex '22 souvenirs to show our members at our June meeting. As many of you know I collect stamp show souvenirs from around the world. I did a quickie exhibit of Capex items to display at the Saugeen show in May. It was a 5 frame

exhibit. When I see how many souvenirs I obtained at this Capex it boggles my mind to consider how many more things there must be for me to collect from previous Capex shows. Canada Post was the only postal outlet at this Capex. In previous years there were several countries represented by their postal outlets and several countries issued stamps with Capex right on them. Dozens of countries had special Capex cancels. Eventually I'm sure I could put together a dozen or more frames of just Capex show souvenirs.

It goes to show you...times are changing! Stamp shows and stamp collecting are not what they once were in the western world. Apparently it is all the rage in Asian circles. But if I have learned anything from studying Heinrich von Stephan it is that we have to keep up with the times when it comes to communication. We lament the lack of younger collectors in our hobby but more and more often I hear that they are there and they just do things differently. We lament the lack of communications by post with so much communication by email. On the other hand; over 90% of my H v Stephan collection came from beyond our borders (purchased over the internet but sent through the mail) and I may not have even known who he was without the internet.

Thanks to the internet we carried on our July stamp auction which had a pretty good attendance for a lovely evening in July. Some people attended from the comfort of their summer trailers and cottages. Our July Zoom meeting will be Thursday the 14th at 7:00. Randy Rogers has discussed the use of the circuit book explorer online. Thursday Randy will do an actual demonstration using a random want list that I will cook up for him. Phil is putting together a small presentation about stamp auction houses. Some of us have experience with auction houses and some have not. It would be good to learn more about them and

share our experiences with them. Through our website we are getting more inquiries about what to do with inherited stamp collections, some of which are rather exceptional collections. We need to be able to give people good advice about where to go and who to deal with.

We are having a **Circuit Book Fair and Auction on Saturday September 17th 10:00 to 3:00 at the New Life Centre** where we currently hold meetings. The auction will be fairly large and consists of items that have been donated to the club. Since all proceedings from the auction will go to the club we will be able to cover the expenses of the venue and not have to worry about fees from the other clubs bringing their circuit books. So far we have the Saugeen Club and the Barrie District Stamp Club bringing their books. I am working on getting more clubs to come. I believe we can very comfortably have 6 clubs circuit books. We will use both rooms and use the large foyer area for the auction. We will also have the kitchen. The club would appreciate food and drink donations and some nice items for door prize lots. We will need everyone to take a shift or two volunteering. The other clubs may need help loading and unloading circuit books. We will need people to help out in the kitchen, on the circuit books, manning the entrance and door prizes, assisting with the auction set up, the sale itself and all that comes with it. We must make sure that everyone also has time to play!!!

I hope to see you Wednesday July 20th at the New Life Centre. We are working on being able to share some of our online presentations at our in-person meetings. We'll see what we come up with. Don't forget your One Page Challenge. This month's topic is; an athlete or sports team....and don't forget that the Kincardine Stamp Show is on August 20th at the Davidson Centre in Kincardine. See you soon!

Marion Ace, President
Owen Sound Stamp Club

Editors Greeting

This Edition marks the mid way point for Volume 3. Sometimes it gets confusing to remember the Edition number is not the same as the month of the year number, but I don't think an error has occurred in the past, at least about the Edition number. Fortunately my memory is short so if it has happened before, we still keep collecting stamps.

Some readers may have wondered about the teaser scan from last month. It showed a kitten which is Great

Britain, Scott's number 1300. Popular sayings referring to a cats agility is that a cat has nine lives. This then referred to the story about the ship SS City of Owen Sound. Due to space limitations, there is no teaser scan included in this edition.

On the following pages are a couple of stories, a short report on last months meeting as well as a Show and Tell section. Upcoming shows are also listed. Feedback would be appreciated on how far are members willing to travel to attend a show? With that information listings can be made on shows relevant to the suggested driving time, especially keeping in mind the cost of fuel.

Should anyone have an idea for a short story/article, please make a suggestion, or even better, tap away on the keyboard and send those thoughts for inclusion in this newsletter. Alas, I will not be present at the meeting on the 20th nor for the August meeting. The August newsletter should be produced as it normally is. Cheers!

A Visit to Capex 22

By Phil Visser

Attending an international exhibition can be a once in a lifetime experience. It certainly was from my perspective. The above-mentioned show was simply spectacular. This opinion is based on the quality of exhibits, finding new materials for a collection and meeting people from this hobby.

Our fearless leader has a passion for souvenir show covers. Capex '22 was not short on that either! The group that organized that table had different cancellations, four or five different picture postage souvenir stamps. Of course Canada Post had a souvenir sheet with travel posters. Since the show was four days in length, a person could get a set of picture postage with different dates for each day of the show. The quantity of covers sure cleaned out the pockets if a person was doing covers for every day and more. Below is an example of one of the covers available.



Capex is short form for Canadian Philatelic Exhibition. Thus, the focus is on exhibits that have been judged to be superior at regional shows. It was mesmerizing the quality of these exhibits. Looking at the philatelic material in each exhibit made one wonder how the exhibitor had accumulated the material.

This exhibition was the first international one frame exhibit. Each frame consists of sixteen pages. The

first page is the Title page giving basic information about the following pages. Fifteen pages follow with the material. It was dazzling and one can find it difficult to take in all the information.

A recommendation then is to take in a part of the exhibits, returning later to continue viewing the remaining displays. Earlier this year a guest spoke in a Zoom meeting about the Antwerp Olympics of 1920. His exhibit on this topic was awarded a Gold medal. Congratulations Dr Gregg Redner!

Attending regular local shows, one sees many of the same dealers. Usually, it is a question if that dealer has new material. This exhibition was wider reaching, and many dealers come from all over the country and world. A larger local dealer did mention that a new collection had arrived in his hands with stamps that may improve my collection.

It was the unknown dealers that greatly assisted in my collecting interests. With a focus on postal history, these dealers were able to expand my research on Owen Sound postal history. Now a new challenge has arrived to see if my previous exhibit can be expanded with these new covers.

That covers personal collecting, but it is also the connections made with many dealers that increases awareness and knowledge. Auction houses bring along catalogues to tempt collectors and hopefully place bids. In a discussion with one such company, there was a challenge with minimum listing effort with the specific needs of a collection. Not sure if that discussion will result in a more detailed listing.

Several of the auction houses were familiar. It was nice to greet the proprietors of these auction houses. To see a change in their expression as they connected a name with a previous purchase(s) was gratifying. One such Canadian auction house was struggling with the idea of changing to a complete online auction versus accepting online bids and closing at a public setting.

This exhibition was also an opportunity for many societies and associations to introduce themselves to collectors. Promoting the Royal Philatelic Society (RPSC) of Canada was part of my itinerary. It was gratifying to have many people stop by and rejoin the Society. Even more exciting was people who joined that had never been a member of the RPSC before.

There was also an opportunity to connect with other philatelic organizations. Booths were set up for the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS), American Topical Association (ATA), Postal History Society of Canada (PHSC) and a real "sleeper" was the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE). Somewhere an impression was made that only invited exhibitors could join this body. That idea was quickly dispelled and now a new association membership is on my renewal list.

A real highlight was meeting many people who previously were just Zoom images. A regular comment was "boy you are much taller in person than on Zoom!" A fellow Membership committee member was dwarfed between Dr Gregg Redner and me. While that was comical, just meeting people was special.

There was a BNAPS reception held on the first evening of the exhibition. It was very nice to connect with ordinary members and discuss collecting interests and how the hobby was doing in other areas of the continent. On a personal note, a connection was made with another Dutch collector who has also run into a brick wall with the collection.

A new rabbit hole was developed, and it was the same as mine. We have agreed to meet and swap our duplicates. That idea is very exciting, and the anticipation is keeping boredom at bay.

Capex was an international gathering. Exhibitors came from many parts of the world. Canada and the United States provided the largest contingent of exhibitors. Exhibitors also came from South America, central Asia and Europe. It was pure serendipity at how individual connections were made.

Having breakfast one morning, a gentleman joined me and turned out to have come from the Netherlands. BNAPS was his connection with the Exhibition, it was also his first visit to a show of this calibre. Many other visitors came from our southern neighbour. All were pleasant and many things were shared about how clubs were dealing with the pandemic issues.

Several individuals also felt that the future of clubs would be by incorporating Zoom meetings in addition to the regular in person meetings. Several clubs mentioned that membership had increased due to the ability to attend remotely. That is also the case with the Owen Sound Stamp club. A hearty welcome to our cyber members.

It was also very nice to meet the executives of many of the organizations. By meeting these people, it also became clear that, like all clubs, finding individuals to serve on the executive is a problem. It didn't take long for the AAPE to offer me the Editors job of their magazine. Any thought of that would be based on whether this clubs' members would volunteer to be Editor of this publication. Having a publication is essential for most organizations to continue.

While the excitement of improving my collection, meeting and connecting with people and the exhibits were positive, there were also some minor impressions left. Since it was my first international exhibition, I didn't miss the presence of other Post Offices from outside of Canada. The only Post Office represented was Canada Post. One would have thought that the United States Postal Service would have been in Toronto. Nor was the Royal Post present.

It seemed that the dealers were kept busy during the four days. A general impression was given that, the dealers were happy. Following the exhibition, I did join a Zoom meeting and heard a dealer who wasn't impressed with his experience. Some of this could be with the material brought to the show and the price point of that material. Apparently, some dealers from our southern neighbour did not bring much Canadian material and sales suffered for that firm.

To end this sharing, I did visit the American Philatelic Society booth. It was a nice visit and a persistent voice reminded me of the upcoming International Show to be held in Boston in 2026. That may just be something

and thus another show may be added to my life experiences.

Club News

June 15th saw some twelve members gather at the New Life Centre for in person the monthly meeting. This report will be rather brief as the editor was away for this meeting. One major discussion was held about the usual Fall Show. A major hurdle is the were to hold it and would we be able to attract dealers to come. Preliminary discussion have been made and finding dealers may be a challenge. The key question would be if the New Life Centre would be available for a show.

Marion G brought the Club Sales Circuits binders. There were several members that took advantage of the binders and made purchases.

Show and Tell

Only one entry was made this month for the single page challenge. The scan is provided below to show how any member could prepare a page.



The subjects for the next few months for the one page challenge are as follows

- July 20: an athlete or sports team
- August 17: astronomy, stars or eclipses
- September 21: Oceanic creatures

Name Changes

By Phil Visser

Most folks have a name given to them at birth, but some do change their names as circumstances arise. Perhaps an immigration to another country means a change in names to the new language one is entering. Perhaps if fame and fortune smiles on one, a stage name or a *nomme de plume* is used. Residents of Owen Sound have experienced this if they have lived one hundred and eighty years.

A search of postal history reveals that this community began its existence as Sydenham. This name was given to the community by John Telfer, Crown Land Agent. This title and responsibility were conferred on Mr. Telfer by the Governor General of Canada in 1840.

Charles Poulett Thomson served as Governor General from 1839 until 1841. Born in 1799, the youngest son of merchant John Bunston Poulett Thomson of London (UK) and Charlotte Poulett Jacob. John Thomson did not take the Name "Poulett" on until 1820¹. Initially Charles began his career in the Russia Baltic trade that was the key activity of his father.

Thomson became a Member of Parliament in 1824 and continued in that role until 1839. Offered a choice of being the Chancellor of the Exchequer or Governor General of British North America, he chose the later appointment. The rebellion of 1837-8 led to a report by Lord Durham on how to resolve the governance issues. Thomson implemented the report as best as possible as the inhabitants of Upper and Lower Canada allowed it.

With the arrival in the Canada's, Thomson set about achieving the union of the Canada's which passed into law on February 10, 1841². He was a busy man moving between Lower Canada, in then on to Nova Scotia to help organize government and to settle the Nova Scotia/Maine border. Stops were also made in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to advise the Lieutenant Governors. During his travels he was appointed as Baron Sydenham.

Wikipedia shares that Sydenham a district of south-east London, England, which is presently shared between the London boroughs of Lewisham, Bromley and Southwark. Prior to the creation of the County of London in 1889, Sydenham was in the County of Kent, bordering Surrey. Historically, the area was very affluent, with the Crystal Palace being relocated to Sydenham Hill in 1854³.

A popular saying is "it's who you know, not what you know" that leads to success. While there is no direct linking between John Telfer and Lord Sydenham, it is an undisputable fact that Telfer was appointed Crown Land Agent for this community. Telfer arrived in this community in the fall of 1840 and began to arrange the distribution of properties to the new arrivals. Of course, the main street was named Poulett Street.

In arranging for the community to grow, an important thing was the ability to communicate, and so a Post Office was established. When the community of Sydenham sought official recognition from the Deputy

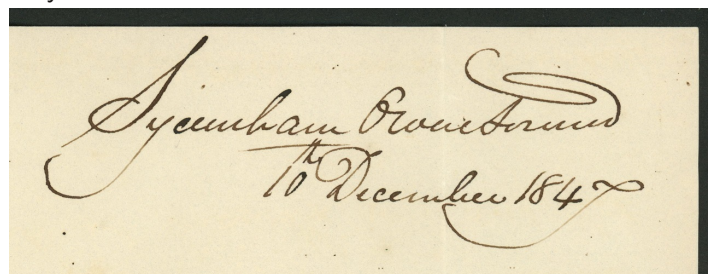
Post Mast General (DPMG) T. Stayner, the community's name was rejected because another community named Sydenham already existed.

According to an article written in the Grey Bruce Dufferin & Simcoe Newsletter of the Postal History Society of Canada, Henry Bayfield⁴, Royal Naval cartographer, renamed the community Owen's Sound in 1842. Eventually Stayner authorized that a Post Office would be established in this community on July 6, 1846. The Post Office Proof Book⁵ shows the first cancellation hammer was dated as May 17, 1847. According to theory this hammer with manuscript date could be used for a long time. This cover with the manuscript date is the Earliest Recorded Date (ERD) for the use of this hammer on mail from Owen's Sound.



According to other collectors for the Postal History Society, there are letters mailed from "Owen's Sound" before the official hammer mentioned above. In a response to the above-mentioned article, John Rossiter provided that "B. Graham makes reference to an Owen Sound "hand drawn circle" postmark dated Dec, 22, 1846."

In the above letter dated Dec 11, 1847, has another interesting twist. Shown on the scan below, the writer of the letter provides that the letter is written from "Sydenham Owens Sound."



Manuscript dating was an additional level of work and so eventually the cancellation device was changed to include a type face date. According to the Post Office Proof Book the hammer was dated as May 22, 1849. The ERD for this hammer is August 27, 1849. Finding these letters is all collectors dream but another challenge is put forward for a postal historian, and that is what is the Latest Recorded Date (LRD).

For some unknown reason the community was renamed in 1857 to Owen Sound. On January 1st, 1857, the community became incorporated with the

name of Owen Sound. While this is the official date, the Post Office jumped the gun, so to speak, by changing the cancelling device earlier. The new obliterator was written about in a previous article and called a "changling" or more appropriately a Ruggles canceller. This name is the person who invented the device. The Postal History Society of Canada website⁶ provides an ERD of July 4, 1856, for this dater.

One other interesting detail remains to puzzle though. Both the Owen's Sound and the new Owen Sound canceller have been recorded in use until 1865. Some historians suggest that the postal clerk would use the nearest canceller when doing the cancellation, and so this cross use is not unusual. It does create a question in this person's mind.

Not many communities can sport the name change history of this community, but it does place a challenge for the postal historian to keep track of all the changes. Happy hunting!

1. <https://biography.yourdictionary.com/baron-sydenham>
2. http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/thomson_charles_edward_poulett_7E.html
3. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydenham,_London
4. The Old Mail Road to Owens Sound; J.E. Kraemer; Newsletter #18 January 2, 2001; p167-71
5. <https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/BrokenCircles/index.php>
6. <https://www.postalhistorycanada.net/php/BrokenCircles/index.php>

Upcoming Learning Opportunity

The following has just arrived from Ted Kupka, President of the Barrie District Stamp Club

I am trying to finalize a visit to our club from a gentleman from Colour Innovations in Toronto. They print the majority of Canada's commemorative stamps. His visit/presentation will be at our October 13th meeting followed by a visit to their facility in Toronto about 1 week later. I would like to formally invite any of your members to these events. I can provide you with additional (and hopefully final dates, times, etc. when we meet in September)

Editor's Comments

Having a joint meeting might just be an excellent learning opportunity besides meeting fellow philatelists in the "neighbourhood." Keep this idea in memory and consider how we all can participate by car pooling etc.

Upcoming Shows

AUG 20, KINEX 22

Kincardine Davidson Center, 601 Durham st., Kincardine, ON, N2Z 1L6

Kincardine stamp clubs annual show is back there will be door prizes, 10 dealers, lunch booth

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SEP 9-11; Fall 2022 National Postage Stamp & Coin Show

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, 6750 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, ON, L5N 2L3

The National Postage Stamp & Coin Show is Canada's largest show featuring top philatelic and numismatic dealers from across Canada. The show starts Friday with Colonial Acres' Premier Auction, with daytime viewing and the auction going live at 5 p.m. For auction details, visit Colonial's website, colonialacres.com. The two-day coin and stamp bourse opens at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. on Saturday and to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission on Saturday is \$5 and only \$2 on Sunday. Children under 16 are free. The popular Young Collectors Table will be open both days, and the Young Collectors Auction will be held on Sunday starting at 1 p.m. For full details on dealers, seminars and more, check the show website at stampandcoinshow.com.

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OCT 15, 59th Annual Barrie Stamp Show and Exhibition Innisfil-Stroud Community Centre - Upper Hall, 7883 Yonge Street, Innisfil, ON, L9S 1K8

59th Annual Barrie Stamp Show and Exhibition. 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Dealers from across Ontario. Philatelic exhibits by members of the Barrie District Stamp Club. Admission is free. LOTS of Parking. Refreshments available at Rec Centre Canteen on lower level. Handicap accessible. Elevator access.

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OCT 15, CANPEX 2022

October 15, 2022 to October 16, 2022

Hellenic Community Center, 133 Southdale Rd West, London, ON, N6J 3C4

National Philatelic Exhibition sanctioned by the RPSC as well as being an APS WSP event. Hours: Saturday 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Free Admission, free parking, lunch counter. Awards reception and presentation Saturday evening, ticket required. October is Stamp Collecting month. Celebrate by attending CANPEX!

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Hopefully this edition of Stamps on the Bay has kept readers interested and grow with more knowledge of our hobby. One thing that always is fascinating is what one can learn when stamp collectors/philatelists get together and start talking about our shared hobby. Meeting people may be a threat, maybe to much to join a club, but it is always rich to discover more. Indeed, life is a learning experience.

The last minute invitation from the Barrie Stamp club looks very interesting. With the transitions going on in the various Post Offices, maybe we can get a tidbit of information of what Canada Post is up to. It still is shocking to remember that Iceland has stopped producing postage stamps. With the introduction of bar-codes (not sure that it is the correct term) on stamps in both Great Britain and Germany who knows when we will be challenged the same way. News has also included the tidbit that the USPS has raised the postage rates on July 10th. This hobby is evolving

Safe travels and safe health until we meet again.

Blast from the Past**Stories in Stamps by I.S. Klein****The Flying Dutchman**

Thwarted by storms from rounding the Cape of Good Hope, a Dutch Captain vowed he would get through if it took him to eternity. The Devil overheard him and condemned him to sail the seas until he could find a woman who would be devoted to him unto death. Only every seventh year, however, could he go ashore in search of a woman.

And so, one seventh year, the "Flying Dutchman," as he was known, met Senta, who fell in love with him and promised to release him from his fate. But just before their marriage, the Dutchman noticed Senta with her former lover. Believing her false to him, he rushed for his Phantom Ship, and Senta dashed into the sea after him. The ship sank and, rising from the waves, Senta and the Dutchman appeared clasped in each other's arms. The devil's curse had been dispelled--too late.

This legend, related in one of Richard Wagner's most brilliant operas, is illustrated on the four pfennig stamp of Germany's Wagnerian opera series issued in 1933.

